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1. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES RECEIVE NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ON FILMMAKERS CARMEN BUENO AND JORGE MULLER WHO ARE SUBJECT OF LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN BY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO DEFEND LATIN AMERICAN FILMMAKERS. SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST HAS BEEN GENERATED IN THESE CASES.

2. FOLLOWING IS LETTER WE ARE CURRENTLY USING IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES:

QUOTE OUR EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF MS. BUENO AND MR. MULLER, AND TO LEARN IF THEY ARE IN FACT BEING DETAINED. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THEM AS APPLICANTS FOR PAROLE INTO THE UNITED STATES.

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THESE EFFORTS HAVE COME TO VERY LITTLE, HOWEVER. THE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT A CARMEN BUENO CIFUENTES IS AMONG THE NAMES INCLUDED IN A LIST OF 119 PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY DIED OR WERE WOUNDED OUTSIDE OF CHILE OR WHO

ESCAPED FROM CHILE. THE EMBASSY FURTHER INFORMED US THAT NEITHER THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION NOR ANY OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN SANTIAGO HAVE ANY RECORD OF JORGE MULLER.

I AM SORRY THAT WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON EITHER OF THESE TWO PERSONS. WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN ASKED OUR EMBASSY TO SEEK INFORMATION ON THESE CASES AND, IF ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE IS DEVELOPED, I SHALL BE HAPPY TO INFORM YOU. UNQUOTE

3. DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE RESPONSE REF B EVEN IF RESPONSE NEGATIVE. SUGGEST ICEM ALSO BE QUERIED ONCE AGAIN ON THESE NAMES, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO REPORT THAT PRISONERS SEEN AT TRES ALAMOS PRISON.

4. WELCOME ANY EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THESE CASES.

5. PLEASE REPLY ASAP. INGERSOLL

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